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The brief filed on 12/30/02 is defective because the appended claims are not accurate. Specifically, claim 54 has been canceled and claim 55 has been amended to reflect the proposed, but unentered, amendment of the after final amendment (Paper # 27). Further, the Summary of the Invention does not cited to the specification by page and line number. Lastly, while applicants assert that certain claims stand on their own merits, applicants have merely point out differences in what the claims cover and have not stated why the claims are believed to be separately patentable. A new set of **COMPLETE** briefs is required.

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